



Your Toilet Is Not a Trash Can

The label might say “flushable,” but what it doesn’t tell you is that disposable wipes clog sewer lines and damage sewer pumps and other equipment.

These problems are expensive to fix and can cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways — making wipes costly for customers and the town.

FACT: Wipes, paper towels and similar items are the second leading cause of all sewer spills in Hillsborough.

About 25% of the spills in a given year include wipes.

FACT: These products do not dissolve.

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” or “safe for sewers and septic systems,” but they’re not. Many items are capable of being flushed (a golf ball, for example), but that doesn’t mean they should be flushed. Throw these items in the trash where they belong!

Toilets, sewer pipes, and wastewater treatment facilities were designed to transport and handle toilet paper and human waste only.

NO WIPES IN THE PIPES: See our video at www.youtube.com/user/TownOfHillsboroughNC.



Circle the items that are OK to flush down the toilet.
Put an X through the items that should be tossed in the trash.



The following items should never be flushed down the toilet:

- ✗ Disinfecting/cleaning wipes
- ✗ Baby wipes
- ✗ Paper towels and toilet seat covers
- ✗ Rags, towels and washcloths
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Feminine hygiene products
- ✗ Kitty litter
- ✗ Dental floss
- ✗ Needles, syringes and other medical waste
- ✗ Mops and cleaning brush refills

